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STATE REGISTRATION AS SECURED IN FOUR STATES.

Virginia Bill.

May, 1903.

North Carolina Bill.

March, 1903.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia*, That within sixty days after the passage of this act the Governor of this State shall appoint a State Board of Examiners of graduate nurses, to be composed of five (5) members, to be selected by the Governor from twelve (12) nominations submitted to him by the Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses. One of the members of this board shall be designated to hold office one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years; and thereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of the person so appointed, the Governor of the State shall appoint a successor to each person whose term of office shall expire to hold office for five years, and the person so appointed shall be selected by the Governor from a list of seven nominations submitted to him by the Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses. In case appointment of a successor is not made before the expiration of the term of any member, such member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and duly qualified. Any vacancy occurring in membership of the board shall be filled by the Governor of this State for the unexpired term of such membership.

2. The members of the State Board of Examiners of registered nurses shall, before entering on the discharge of their duties, make and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth the constitutional oath of office. They shall, as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of January, elect from their number a president and a secretary, who shall be the treasurer. The treasurer, before entering upon his or her duties, shall file a bond with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for such sum as shall be required of him or her by the said Secretary of the Commonwealth. The board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act to govern its proceedings, and also a seal, and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof, and he or she shall keep a record of all proceedings of the board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act, which shall be open at all reasonable times to public scrutiny; and the board shall cause the

New York Bill.

April, 1903.

206. *Who may Practice as Registered Nurses*.—Any resident of the State of New York, being over the age of twenty-one years, and of good moral character, holding a diploma from a training-school for nurses connected with a hospital or sanitarium giving a course of at least two years, and registered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York as maintaining in this and other respects proper standards, the said Regents, and who shall have received from the said Regents a certificate of his or her qualifications to practise as a registered nurse, shall be styled and known as a registered nurse, and no other person shall assume such title, or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is such a registered nurse. Before beginning to practise nursing every such registered nurse shall cause such certificate to be recorded in the County Clerk's office of the county of his or her residence with an affidavit of his or her identity as the person to whom the same was so issued, and of his or her place of residence within such county. In the month of January, nineteen hundred and six, and in every thirty-sixth month thereafter, every registered nurse shall again cause his or her certificate to be recorded in the said County Clerk's office, with an affidavit of his or her identity as the person to whom the same was issued, and of his or her place of residence at the time of such re-registration. Nothing contained in this act shall be considered as conferring any authority to practise medicine or to undertake the treatment or cure of disease in violation of article eight of this chapter.

207. *Board of Examiners' Examination*. *Revs.*—Upon the taking effect of this act the New York State Nurses' Association shall nominate for examiners ten of their members who have had not less than five years' experience in their profession, and at each annual meeting of said association thereafter two other candidates. The Regents of the University of the State of New York shall appoint a board of five examiners from such list. One member of said board shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. Upon

New Jersey Bill.

April, 1903.

1. Any graduate nurse desiring to practise the profession of a trained nurse must first obtain a license from the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides, and the Clerk thereof is hereby authorized to issue such license, provided said applicant shall present to him a diploma awarded by a training-school connected with a hospital of this State where at least two-years' practical and theoretical training is required, before its students are graduated as trained nurses; if the said diploma does not show the term required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant must file with the County Clerk an affidavit made by the secretary of said training-school, or the president of the faculty thereof, setting forth the term of practical and theoretical training required by said training-school of its students before they are graduated as trained nurses.

2. Any person heretofore awarded a diploma of a graduate nurse by training-schools of this State other than those mentioned in the preceding section may apply to the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides for the license provided by this act, and such clerk is hereby authorized to issue same if the person making such application was awarded such diploma upon the completion of at least two years' practical and theoretical training in nursing.

3. Any graduate nurse holding a diploma of a trained nurse awarded by a training-school of another State may obtain a license to practise such profession in this State provided the training-school awarding such diploma shall require the same qualifications of its graduate nurses as are provided for applicants of this State; if the diploma of said non-resident applicant does not show the course of training required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant shall file an affidavit of the secretary of the hospital connected with said training-school or the president thereof, setting forth the requirements of said training-school before diplomas are awarded to its students; graduate nurses residing out of the State and seeking the license herein provided may apply to the Clerk of any county in this State upon being identified by a resident thereof.